

MINUTES OF THE SMITHVILLE

February 18, 2008

The regular meeting of the Smithville Town Board was called to order at 6pm Monday February 18, 2008 by Supervisor Allan Johnson. Present were the following:

Supervisor Allan Johnson

Town Clerk Alison Owens

**Board members:**

Highway Sup't Bruce Kinney

Kay Borne

Holly Mohr

Vince Coletta

Absent: Board member Roger Connelly

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

**NB1:** email from Board of Elections re: voting machines

**NB2:** Community member concerns to Board member Mohr

**C4:** note from Barbara Nowalk

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 21, 2008 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Councilman Coletta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Mohr. All four Board members: Borne, Mohr, Coletta and Johnson were in favor, Connelly absent, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**C1:** Thank you from the Historical Society

**C2:** Chenango County Highway Dept.: Seismic testing taking place on Co. Rd. 3A

**C3:** Chenango Co. Dept. RPS: confirmation of Veteran's exemption for tax rolls

**C4:** thank you card from Deputy Clerk Barbara Nowalk for flowers sent during recovery.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NB1:** An email has been received by Supervisor Johnson from Harriet Jenkins of the Chenango County Board of Elections apprising Supervisor Johnson that only one new voting machine has been ordered for the Town's 2 election districts. The voting machines were \$11,000.+ each; there was only money enough to purchase one machine for the Town of Smithville's one voting place. The Town of Smithville would be encouraged to purchase one on their own if they so desired. Mrs. Jenkins also indicated she had reiterated the same information to Town of Smithville resident Bob Brooks. Mr. Brooks had been working with the Smithville Center Church officials to possibly use that building as a polling place for District 1.

Supervisor Johnson has not spoken with Mrs. Jenkins since receiving this email. There was concern that the 2 districts would be combined into one. Already there have been a number of complaints from voters in District 1 who drive the distance to the Community Center in District 2 to vote. Board members were clear the Town should not have to purchase a machine. Councilman Coletta, who has also been working with this issue, will

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contact Bob Brooks. Supervisor Johnson will speak with the Chenango County Board of Supervisors to find out about funding, etc.

**NB2:** Councilwoman Mohr has been contacted by a Town resident and asked the following questions:

- 1.) Can anyone go the Town Barn for sand for driveways?
- 2.) Are the Town vehicles for personal use?
- 3.) Have the correct permits been obtained for the trailer put in next to the General Store?

Highway Sup't. Kinney answered questions 1 & 2:

- 1.) Yes, sand is available to resident homeowners for winter use on driveways. They do not need to call the Highway Dept, first.
- 2.) The Town vehicles are not for personal use.

Board members discussed question 3.

- 3.) It appeared the trailer had been hooked up to a propane system and possibly a septic system. It was not immediately known if permits were required to set up an "office" trailer. This should be looked into.

**OB1: Shared Services Agreement:** Supervisor Johnson has spoken with other Town Supervisors in regards to the Shared Services Agreement. It appears no other Town has raised objections. Supervisor Johnson recommends the Board authorize him to sign the agreement. Board members asked about hidden costs. The agreement can be terminated early. It is understood the machinery would be subject to normal wear and tear. The Town insurance would cover the equipment under the Shared Services Agreement. Highway Sup't Kinney suggested the \$250.00 yearly fee (for routine maintenance) should come from new equipment DA5130.2

**RESOLUTION # 3 (2008): AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Coletta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Mohr, the following resolution was:

ADOPTED                      AYES: Borne, Mohr, Coletta, Johnson  
   NAYES: 0  
   ABSENT: Connelly

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Johnson to sign the Chenango County Dept. of Public Works Shared Services Agreement and to pay the \$250.00 routine maintenance fee from new equipment DA5130.2.

**OB2: Community Center railing:** the proposal from Ron Williamson of \$275. installed was considered by Board members and also shown to members of the Historical Society. There was some concern by the Society the railing was not a solid fixture. Mrs. Heisler will contact Joe Hoyt to see if he has another option.

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Highway Sup't Kinney also asked if Mr. Hoyt could be contacted to build 18 brackets for the light poles in the hamlet. These brackets would be used year round to connect Christmas wreaths or flags to the poles. It would save time for the Highway Dept. workers in installing these items. Board members did not object to this.

**OB3: Town Insurance:** The renewal date is March 17<sup>th</sup>. Mirabito Insurance did return information to Supervisor Johnson the Town buildings are not in Flood Zone A but are in Flood Zone C. Flood insurance is not required. The cost to bond Deputy Clerks would be \$311. per year. Mirabito was going to quote the Town insurance using Utica National, but no information has been received. Mr. Carlin has been contacted to quote insurance for the Town but has not done so. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

**REPORTS:**

**R1:** No Planning Board report

**R2:** No Assessor report

**R3:** Enforcement Officer report submitted. There was one building permit application signed for a property that had previously had work done without a permit. The Enforcement Officer and the Town Clerk will copy any signed building permit applications going forth and keep them on file.

**R4:** No Justice report. Supervisor Johnson has received justice check and will deposit it.

**R5:** No DCO report

**R6:** No Attorney report

**R7:** No new Mitigation information or report.

**R8:** No Community Center report other than quotes for the railing.

**R9:** No Playground report. Town Clerk Owens asked about snow shoveling. The current Groundskeeper has still not been fulfilling his responsibilities in shoveling the sidewalk. The substitute groundskeeper was called upon to clear the ramp sidewalk of ice before Primary Day. The current groundskeeper's oath of office form has not been returned. After some discussion it was decided Supervisor Johnson would write the Groundskeeper a letter of dismissal.

**R10:** Town Clerk's report submitted.

**R11:** Highway Superintendent's report submitted. Additional comments were made about the rally for Camp Pharsalia attended by Highway Sup't. Kinney. The rally was set up to voice the impact on Towns if Camp Pharsalia were to close. It was suggested Towns should write a letter to legislatures and to the Governor asking to spare Camp Pharsalia. Highway Sup't Kinney will write one on the Highway's behalf.

There will be a Highway Superintendents meeting Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Shared Agreement.

Due to an increased amount of ice this year, the Highway Dept. is getting low on sand. Some Towns have run out.

Highway Sup't Kinney is looking at Loaders. A new JD is pricing at \$145,000. +. Highway Sup't Kinney prefers a 2 or 3 yr. old used one. He will continue looking.

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**R12:** The Town Supervisor's report was reviewed and accepted in a motion by Councilwoman Mohr, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Borne. All four Board members: Borne, Mohr, Coletta and Johnson were in favor, Connelly absent, motion carried.

**GENERAL WARRANT:** Warrant # 2, Vouchers # 14-36 in the amount of \$2,604.82, was submitted for payment. There were five additional vouchers which came in at the last minute. These will be held for March. A motion to accept and pay these bills was made by Councilman Coletta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Mohr. All four Board members: Borne, Mohr, Coletta and Johnson were in favor, Connelly absent, motion carried.

**HIGHWAY WARRANT:** Warrant # 2, Vouchers # 16-30, in the amount of \$9505.82, was submitted for payment. A motion to accept and pay these bills was made by Councilman Coletta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Borne. All four Board members: Borne, Mohr, Coletta and Johnson were in favor, Connelly absent, motion carried.

There was no other business to come before the Board. The next meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk